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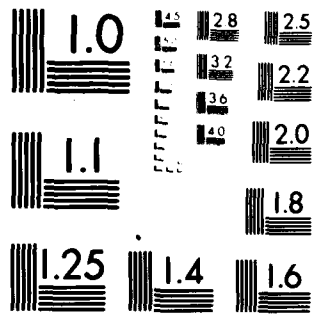
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ABSTRACT

Let  $\mu$  be an  $r$ -semistable probability measure on a real linear space  $E$ . It is shown that the  $\mu$ -measure of any translate of an arbitrary measurable linear subspace over certain countable subfield of reals is 0 or 1. This result yields immediately the 0 - 1 laws for stable measures of Dudley-Kanter (Proc. Amer. Math. Soc., 45(1974), 245 - 252) and also a more recent 0 - 1 law of Fernique for quasi-stable measures which is included in his ISI lectures of September, 1978. It is also shown that  $r$ -semi-stable measures - like stable ones - are continuous, i.e., they assign zero mass to singletons.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Let  $(E, \mathcal{F})$  be a measurable vector space in the sense of [2], and  $\mu$  a stable probability measure (p. m.) on  $E$ . Recently, Dudley-Kanter [2] have shown that the  $\mu$ -measure of certain measurable subspaces of  $E$  is 0 or 1. More recently Fernique exhibited a similar 0 - 1 law for what he calls quasi-stable p. measures. A natural and nontrivial generalization of stable p. measures is the class of  $r$ -semi-stable p. measures, which was first introduced and studied on the real line  $R$  by P. Lévy [6]. Later Kruglov [3] obtained a quite explicit form of the characteristic function of  $r$  semistable p. measures on  $R$  and showed that this class have many properties similar to those exhibited by stable probability measures. (This in Hilbert space setting is also shown in Kruglov [4] and Kumar [5]). Partly motivated from these papers we raised and completely answered the question whether  $r$ -semi-stable p. measures share with stable measures the 0 - 1 dichotomy results obtained in [2]. Explicitly we prove that if  $(E, \mathcal{F})$  is a measurable vector space over  $R$ ,  $\mu$  a  $r$ -semi-stable p.m. (see §2) on  $(E, \mathcal{F})$  and  $G$  a measurable subspace over the field  $Q(c)$ , the smallest subfield containing  $Q$ , the rationals, and  $c = c(r)$ , then  $\mu(G - z) = 0$  or 1, for every  $z \in E$  (Theorem 3.1). This result includes and, in fact, extends the 0 - 1 theorems for stable p. measures obtained in [2] (Corollary 3.2); also the method of proof of the result includes a recent 0 - 1 dichotomy theorem

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of Fernique (ISI Calcutta, Lectures '78) for quasi-stable  $p$ . measures (Corollary 3.3). Further, we also show that, like stable  $p$ . measures, non-degenerate  $r$ -semistable  $p$ . measures are continuous; that is, they assign zero mass to singletons (Corollary 3.4). Our proof of the 0 - 1 dichotomy theorem seems new as well as simpler than those in [2] (we use only the definition of convolution and Fubini's theorem); in particular, we do not require any number theory results which was not the case in the proofs of [2].

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $(E, \mathcal{F})$  be a measurable vector space and  $\mu$  be a  $p$ .m. on  $\mathcal{F}$ . Let  $r \in (0, 1)$ ; then  $\mu$  is called  $r$ -semistable if there is a constant  $c(r) = c$  with  $0 < c \neq 1$  and a semigroup  $\{\mu^s; s > 0\}$  of  $p$ . measures on  $\mathcal{F}$  and a sequence  $\{x_m\}$  in  $E$  such that the following hold

$$\mu^1 = \mu \quad (2.1)$$

$$\mu^{r^m} = T_{c^m} \mu * \delta_{x_m}, \quad (2.2)$$

for each  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ , where for  $a > 0$ ,  $T_a \mu$  denotes the measure  $T_a \mu(B) = \mu(a^{-1} B)$ , for every  $B \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $*$  denotes the usual convolution.

The above definition is motivated from a characterization of a class of measures also called  $r$ -semistable on locally convex

topological vector spaces (LCTVS) obtained in [1]. It follows from [1] that our results are applicable for  $r$ -semistable (and hence stable and Gaussian) measures studied in [1].

### 3. 0 - 1 DICHOTOMY THEOREM FOR $r$ -SEMI-STABLE MEASURES

The main result we propose to prove is the following:

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\mu$  be a  $r$ -semistable p.m. on a measurable vector space  $(E, \mathcal{F})$  over  $R$  and let  $G$  be a subspace over the subfield  $Q(c)$  such that  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  ( $c$  is the constant appearing in (2.2)). Then  $\mu(G - z) = 0$  or  $1$ , for all  $z \in E$ .

**Proof.** Let  $z_1 \in E$  and assume that  $\mu(G - z_1) > 0$ . We will show that  $\mu(G - z_1) = 1$ . Choose an integer  $n_r$  so that  $0 < 1/n_r < 1-r$ . Let

$$\mathcal{K} = \{G - x \mid \mu(G - x) > 0 \text{ or } \mu^{1/n_r}(G - x) > 0\} \subseteq E/G,$$

$$\langle \mathcal{K} \rangle = \text{linear span of } \mathcal{K} \text{ in } E/G \text{ over the field } Q[c], \text{ and}$$

$$G_0 = \text{inverse image of } \langle \mathcal{K} \rangle \text{ under natural projection} = \bigcup \langle \mathcal{K} \rangle.$$

Then  $G_0$  is a vector subspace of  $E$  over  $Q(c)$  and clearly,  $G_0 \in \mathcal{F}$ , since  $G_0$  is a countable union of sets in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

For the sake of clarity, the remainder of the proof will be divided into seven parts.

$$(i) \mu^{1-r} * \delta_{x(1)}(G_0) = 1.$$

**Proof of (i).** Observe that  $\mu(G_0 - r^{-1/\alpha} y) = 0$ , for all  $y \in G_0^c$ , and that  $\mu = \mu^r * \mu^{1-r} = T_c \cdot \mu * \mu^{1-r} * \delta_{x(1)}$ .

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \mu(G_0) &= \int_E T_c \mu \cdot G_0 - y \mu^{1-r} * \delta_{x(1)}(dy) \\ &= \int_{G_0} \mu(G_0 - c^{-1} y) \mu^{1-r} * \delta_{x(1)}(dy) \\ &= \mu(G_0) \mu^{1-r} * \delta_{x(1)}(G_0). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $\mu^{1-r} * \delta_{x(1)}(G_0) = 1$ .



$$(ii) \mu^{1/n_r}(G_0) = 1.$$

Proof of (ii). Since  $\mu = \mu^{1/n_r} * (\mu^{1/n_r})^{*(n_r-1)}$ , we have

$$0 < \mu(G-z_1) = \int_E \mu^{1/n_r}(G-z_1-y) (\mu^{1/n_r})^{*(n_r-1)}(dy).$$

Thus there exists  $y \in E$  so that  $\mu^{1/n_r}(G-z_1-y) > 0$ , and hence  $\mu^{1/n_r}(G_0) > 0$ .

Now  $\mu^{1-r} * \delta_{x(1)} = \mu^{1/n_r} * \mu^{1-r-1/n_r} * \delta_{x(1)}$ , and so, from (i),

$$1 = \mu^{1-r} * \delta_{x(1)}(G_0) = \int_E \mu^{1-r-1/n_r} * \delta_{x(1)}(G_0-y) \mu^{1/n_r}(dy),$$

which implies that  $\mu^{1-r-1/n_r} * \delta_{x(1)}(G_0-y) = 1$  a.s.  $[\mu^{1/n_r}]$ . Since

$\mu^{1/n_r}(G_0) > 0$ , it follows that  $\mu^{1-r-1/n_r} * \delta_{x(1)}(G_0) = 1$ .

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \mu^{1-r} * \delta_{x(1)}(G_0) = \int_{G_0} \mu^{1/n_r}(G_0-y) \mu^{1-r-1/n_r} * \delta_{x(1)}(dy) \\ &= \mu^{1/n_r}(G_0) \mu^{1-r-1/n_r} * \delta_{x(1)}(G_0) \\ &= \mu^{1/n_r}(G_0). \end{aligned}$$

$$(iii) \mu(G_0) = 1.$$

Proof of (iii). It follows from (ii) that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(G_0) &= \int_{G_0} (\mu^{1/n_r})^{*(n_r-1)}(G_0-y) \mu^{1/n_r}(dy) \\ &= (\mu^{1/n_r})^{*(n_r-1)}(G_0) \mu^{1/n_r}(G_0) \\ &= (\mu^{1/n_r})^{*(n_r-1)}(G_0) \\ &= (\mu^{1/n_r}(G_0))^{n_r-1} \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

We will use the fact that  $\mu(G_0) = 1$  to conclude that  $\mu(G-z_1) = 1$  (see (vii)).

To this end, we proceed.

Recall that  $G_0$  is a countable (possibly finite) union of disjoint cosets of  $G$ . Let  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$  be a sequence of distinct points in  $E$  so that

$G_0 = \bigcup_k G-x_k$  (disjoint union). Clearly, we may assume, without loss of generality, that  $\mu(G-x_1) \geq \mu(G-x_2) \geq \dots$ . Let  $N_1$  be the largest integer so that  $\mu(G-x_1) = \mu(G-x_{N_1})$ . For the sake of simplicity of notation, let  $t = t(m) = c^m$ ,  $m = 1, 2, \dots$  and let  $v_t = \mu^{1-r^m} * \delta_{x(m)}$ . Then  $\mu = T_t \mu + v_t$ , for any  $t$ .

(iv) For each  $t$ ,  $v_t(\bigcup_{k=1}^{N_1} G-x_n + tx_k) = 1$ , for  $1 \leq n \leq N_1$ .

Proof of (iv). Observe that if  $y \in G-x_k$ , then  $G-x_n - ty = G-x_n + tx_k$ , for all  $n$  and  $k$ . Thus.

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(G-x_n) &= \int_{G_0} v_t(G-x_n - ty) \mu(dy) \\ &= \sum_k v_t(G-x_n + tx_k) \mu(G-x_k), \quad (3.1) \end{aligned}$$

for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Now, for  $1 < n < N_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(G-x_n) &= \sum_k v_t(G-x_n + tx_k) \mu(G-x_k) \\ &\leq \mu(G-x_1) \sum_k v_t(G-x_n + tx_k) \\ &= \mu(G-x_n) v_t(\bigcup_k G-x_n + tx_k) \\ &\leq \mu(G-x_n). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\mu(G-x_n) v_t(G-x_n + tx_k) = \mu(G-x_k) v_t(G-x_n + tx_k),$$

for  $1 \leq n \leq N_1$  and any  $k$ , which implies that  $v_t(G-x_n + tx_k) = 0$  for  $1 \leq n \leq N_1$  and  $k > N_1$ .

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(G-x_n) &= \sum_{k=1}^{N_1} v_t(G-x_n + tx_k) \mu(G-x_k) \\ &= \mu(G-x_n) \sum_{k=1}^{N_1} v_t(G-x_n + tx_k) \\ &= \mu(G-x_n) v_t(\bigcup_{k=1}^{N_1} G-x_n + tx_k), \end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq n \leq N_1$ .

Hence

$$1 = v_t \left( \bigcup_{k=1}^{N_1} G - x_n + tx_k \right),$$

for  $1 \leq n \leq N_1$ , since  $\mu(G - x_n) = \mu(G - x_1) > 0$  for  $1 \leq n \leq N_1$ .

(v)  $N_1 = 1$  or, equivalently,  $(G - x_1) > \mu(G - x_k)$ ,

for all  $k > 1$ .

Proof of (v). Suppose  $N_1 \geq 2$  and consider the  $2 \times N_1$  array  $M_1$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} G - x_1 + tx_1 & G - x_1 + tx_2 & G - x_1 + tx_3 & \dots & G - x_1 + tx_{N_1} \\ G - x_2 + tx_1 & G - x_2 + tx_2 & G - x_2 + tx_3 & \dots & G - x_2 + tx_{N_1} \end{array}.$$

By (iv), the  $v_t$ -measure of row 1 of  $M_1$  is 1. Thus there is an integer  $k_1$ ,

$1 \leq k_1 \leq N_1$ , so that  $v_t(G - x_1 + tx_{k_1}) > 0$ , for infinitely many values of  $t$ .

Now, the  $v_t$ -measure of row 2 is also 1 (by (iv) again), which implies that  $G - x_1 + tx_{k_1}$  intersects row 2, for infinitely many values of  $t$ . Thus there is an integer  $k_2$ ,  $1 \leq k_2 \leq N_1$ , so that  $G - x_1 + tx_{k_1} = G - x_2 + tx_{k_2}$ , for infinitely many values of  $t$ . Consequently, there are integers  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ ,  $1 \leq k_1 \leq N_1$ ,  $1 \leq k_2 \leq N_1$ , so that

$$G - x_1 + x_2 = G - t(x_{k_2} - x_{k_1}), \quad (3.2)$$

for infinitely many values of  $t$ . In particular, these exist  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ ,  $t_1 \neq t_2$ ,

so that  $G - t_1(x_{k_2} - x_{k_1}) = G - t_2(x_{k_2} - x_{k_1})$  which implies that

$G = G + (t_1 - t_2)(x_{k_2} - x_{k_1})$  and so,  $(t_1 - t_2)(x_{k_2} - x_{k_1}) \in G$  from which it follows that

$G - x_{k_1} = G - x_{k_2}$ . Consequently, since  $G_0$  is a disjoint union, we have  $k_1 = k_2$

which implies, from (3.2), that  $G - x_1 = G - x_2$ . But  $G - x_1 \neq G - x_2$ .

Hence (v) follows.

(vi) For each  $t$ ,  $v_t(G-x_1+tx_1) = 1$ .

Proof of (vi). This is immediate from (iv) and (v)

(vii)  $\mu(G-z_1) = \mu(G_0)$ .

Proof of (vii). Suppose  $\mu(G-z_1) < \mu(G_0)$

Then  $\mu(G-x_2) > 0$ . Let  $N_2$  be the largest integer so that  $\mu(G-x_2) = \mu(G-x_{N_2})$ .

Observe that, by (vi), we have that for each  $t$ ,  $v_t(G-x_n+tx_1) = 0$ , for all  $n \geq 2$ ; otherwise, we get  $G-x_n = G-x_1$ , for some  $n \geq 2$ .

Thus, by (3.1), for  $2 \leq n \leq N_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(G-x_n) &= v_t(G-x_n+tx_1) + \sum_{k \geq 2} v_t(G-x_n+tx_k) \mu(G-x_k) \\ &= \sum_{k \geq 2} v_t(G-x_n+tx_k) \mu(G-x_k) \\ &\leq \mu(G-x_n) \sum_{k \geq 2} v_t(G-x_n+tx_k) \\ &= \mu(G-x_n) v_t\left(\bigcup_{k \geq 2} G-x_n+tx_k\right) \\ &\leq \mu(G-x_n). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$\mu(G-x_n) v_t(G-x_n+tx_k) = \mu(G-x_k) v_t(G-x_n+tx_k)$ , for  $2 \leq n \leq N_2$  and any  $k \geq 2$ , which implies that  $v_t(G-x_n+tx_k) = 0$ , for  $2 \leq n \leq N_2$  and  $k > N_2$ .

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(G-x_n) &= \sum_{k=2}^{N_2} v_t(G-x_n+tx_k) \mu(G-x_k) \\ &= \mu(G-x_n) \sum_{k=2}^{N_2} v_t(G-x_n+tx_k) \\ &= \mu(G-x_n) v_t\left(\bigcup_{k=2}^{N_2} G-x_n+tx_k\right), \end{aligned}$$

for  $2 \leq n \leq N_2$ .

Hence, for all  $t$ ,

$$1 = v_t\left(\bigcup_{k=2}^{N_2} G-x_n+tx_k\right), \quad (3.3)$$

for  $2 \leq n \leq N_2$ , since  $\mu(G-x_n) = \mu(G-x_2) > 0$ , for  $2 \leq n \leq N_2$ .

Observe that, by (vi),  $v_t(G-x_2+tx_2) = 0$ ; otherwise,  $G-x_2+tx_2 = G-x_1+tx_1$  which implies that  $G-x_1 = G-x_2$ . Consequently, from (3.3),  $N_2 \geq 3$ , and so,  $G_0$  contains at least three disjoint cosets of  $G$ . Now consider the  $2 \times (N_2-1)$  array  $M_2$ :

$$G-x_2+tx_2 \quad G-x_2+tx_3 \quad G-x_2+tx_4 \quad \dots \quad G-x_2+tx_{N_2}$$

$$G-x_3+tx_2 \quad G-x_3+tx_3 \quad G-x_3+tx_4 \quad \dots \quad G-x_3+tx_{N_2}.$$

Observe that the  $v_t$ -measure of each row of  $M_2$  is equal to 1. Now proceed, as in (v), to show that there exist integers  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ ,  $2 \leq k_1 \leq N_2$ ,  $2 \leq k_2 \leq N_2$ ,  $k_1 \neq k_2$ , so that

$$G-x_2+tx_3 = G-t(x_{k_2}-x_{k_1}), \quad (3.4)$$

for infinitely many values of  $t$ . It follows, from (3.4), like in (v), that  $k_1 = k_2$ . Consequently, by (3.4),  $G-x_2 = G-x_3$ . This is a contradiction! Hence our initial assumption must be false and it follows that  $\mu(G-z_1) = \mu(G_0)$ .

To complete the proof of the theorem, observe that, by (iii) and (vii), we have  $\mu(G-z_1) = \mu(G_0) = 1$ .

In view of the last sentence of the previous section, we have the analogue of Theorem 3.1 for stable and Gaussian measures if the measures are  $K$ -regular and are defined on the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of a complete LCTVS. In the following corollary, we show, however, that the same result can be recovered from Theorem 3.1 even if the stable measures  $\mu$  is defined on a measurable vector space  $(E, \mathcal{F})$  provided  $\mu$  has the index; i.e. there exists an  $\alpha > 0$  such that for every  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$ ,  $T_a u * T_b u = T_{(a^\alpha + b^\alpha)^{1/\alpha}} \mu * \delta_x$ , for some  $x \in E$ . This corollary contains and extends various results of [2]; we do not, however, deal with 0 - 1

laws when  $G$  belongs to the completed  $\sigma$ -algebra.

Corollary 3.2: Let  $(E, \mathcal{F})$  be a measurable vector space and let  $G$  be a rational subspace of  $E$ ,  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then

- (i) If  $\mu$  is a strictly stable p.m. of index  $\alpha$  on  $(E, \mathcal{F})$ , then for all  $z \in E$ ,  $\mu(G - z) = 0$  or  $1$ .
- (ii) If  $\mu$  is a stable p.m. of index  $\alpha$  on  $(E, \mathcal{F})$ , then  $\mu(G) = 0$  or  $1$ .

Proof: (i) Assume  $\mu$  is strictly stable of index  $\alpha$  and set  $\mu^s = T_s 1/\alpha \mu$ . Then  $\{\mu^s | s > 0\}$  is a semigroup with  $\mu^1 = \mu$  and (2.1), (2.2) are satisfied for all  $r > 0$ , with  $x(m) = 0$ , and  $c = s^{1/\alpha}$ . Then, it is easy to see that  $\mu$  is a  $r$ -semistable p.m. for all  $0 < r < 1$ . Choose  $r_0$ ,  $0 < r_0 < 1$ , so that  $r_0^{1/\alpha}$  is rational. Then  $Q(r_0^{1/\alpha}) = Q$ . Now apply Theorem 3.1 to obtain the desired result.

(ii) Let  $\mu$  be a stable p.m. of index  $\alpha$  and assume that  $\mu(G) > 0$ . Let  $\nu = \mu * T_{-1} \mu$  be the symmetrization of  $\mu$ . Then  $\nu$  is a strictly stable p.m. of index  $\alpha$ . Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(G) &= \int_E \mu(G + y) \mu(dy) \\ &\geq \int_G \mu(G + y) \mu(dy) \\ &= (\mu(G))^2 > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by (i),  $\nu(G) = 1$ , and so  $\mu(G + y) = 1$  a.s. ( $\mu$ ) which implies that  $\mu(G) = 1$ .

The following corollary shows that the method of proof of Theorem 3.1 also yields the 0 - 1 dichotomy theorem for quasi-stable measures recently obtained by Fernique who uses a non-trivial inequality of Kantor for his proof. Our proof, as we noted earlier, uses only elementary facts about convolution. Now we recall the definition of quasi-stable as introduced by Fernique. Let  $\mu$  be a p. measure on a measurable vector space  $(E, \mathcal{F})$ , then  $\mu$  is said to be quasi-stable if  $\mu^{*2} = T_c \mu$ , for some  $c > 0$ ,  $c \neq 1$ .

Corollary 3.3: Let  $(E, \mathcal{F})$  be a measurable vector space and  $\mu$  be quasi-stable on  $E$ . Let  $G$  be  $Q(c)$  vector space which belongs to  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then  $\mu(G - z) = 0$  or  $1$ , for every  $z \in E$ .

Proof: Let  $\mu(G - z_1) > 0$  and let  $\mathcal{G}' = \{G - x: \mu(G - x) > 0\}$  and define  $G_0$  as in the beginning of the proof of Theorem 3.1 with  $\mathcal{R}$  replaced by  $\mathcal{G}'$ . Since

$$0 < \mu(G_0) = T_c \mu(G_0) = \mu^{*2}(G_0) = \int_{G_0} \mu(G_0 - x) \mu(dx)$$

(as  $x \in G_0^c$  implies  $\mu(G_0 - x) = 0$ ), we have  $\mu(G_0) = 1$ . Now the definition of quasi-stability implies  $\mu^{*2^m} = T_{c^m} \mu$ ; hence  $\mu = T_{(1/c)^m} \mu^{*2^m} = T_{(1/c)^m} \mu^{*2^{m-1}} * T_{(1/c)^m} \mu$ . Setting  $(1/c)^m = t(m)$  and  $T_{(1/c)^m} \mu^{*2^{m-1}} = \nu_t$ , we see that  $\mu = \nu_t * T_t \mu$ . Now repeating the proof of (iv) to (vii) of Theorem 3.1 without any change at all, one shows  $\mu(G - z_1) = 1$ . Completing the proof.

The following corollary shows that nondegenerate  $r$ -semistable  $p$ . measures cannot have positive point mass.

Corollary 3.4: Let  $\mu$  be a nondegenerate  $r$ -semistable measure of index  $\alpha$  on a measurable vector space  $(E, \mathfrak{F})$ . Assume that  $\{x\} \in \mathfrak{F}$ , for all  $x \in E$ . Then  $\mu\{x\} = 0$ , for all  $x \in E$ .

Proof: Let  $G = \{0\}$  and  $x \in E$ . If  $\mu\{G + x\} = \mu\{x\} > 0$ , then, by Theorem 3.1,  $\mu\{x\} = 1$ . Hence  $\mu$  is degenerate, a contradiction.

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